



Happy Easter

## Items of Interest

**City offices will be closed on Friday, April 6 for Good Friday.** Friday's trash will be picked up on Thursday.

April 10 - Election day for Ward Three residents.

Sturgis Kiwanis meets at noon on the second and fourth Friday of each month at Pizza Ranch.

April 25 - Health Fair at the Community Center, sponsored by ABC.

April 27 - Deadline to register your City Wide Garage Sale with the Chamber.

New Harmonies Exhibit - Until April 21 at the Sturgis Public Library.

SD drivers license application and testing takes place at the Community Center every Thursday from 7:30 a.m. until 5:15 p.m.

Listen to City Council meetings by going to the City website at [Sturgis-sd.gov](http://Sturgis-sd.gov) and clicking on the Agendas/Minutes option on the page menu.

## Upcoming Meetings

**Sturgis City Council:** April 2 and 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Erskine Building.

Note: If you want to be scheduled on the City Council agenda, you must notify the Finance Office by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the Council meeting.

**Sturgis Arts Council:** April 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Sturgis City Hall.

**Park Board:** April 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Morman Law office.

**Planning and Zoning:** April 10 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, Room B.

**MUB:** April 11 at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall, Room B.

**Library Board:** April 25 at 4:00 p.m. at the Sturgis Library.

## Officials

### Mayor

Mark Carstensen 490-1044

### Council Members

#### Ward One:

Joe DesJarlais 347-7928

Kelly Vasknetz 490-0361

#### Ward Two:

David Hersrud 347-5061

Marcia Johnston 347-2483

#### Ward Three:

Clint Brengle 490-9541

Jamie McVay 720-5780

#### Ward Four:

Tim Potts 720-4233

Dane Sundstrom 490-1172

### City Manager

Daniel Ainslie 347-4422

## DOT Presents Plans for Future Lazelle Street Traffic

On March 15, representatives from the South Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT) held a public information meeting at the Sturgis Community Center to gather input from residents regarding upcoming plans to once again change the traffic pattern on Lazelle Street.

Once the Sturgis City water project is complete in the spring of 2013, the DOT has a plan in place that will change the street from five lanes to three lanes, the same as Junction Avenue.

During the Rally, pedestrians walking on the sidewalks run the risk of getting hit by mirrors on vehicles driving on the street.

The DOT is planning to test their three-lane plan by changing the pavement markings to reflect the new traffic pattern later this spring.

A copy of the DOT presentation, along with supporting traffic data, is available by visiting the Sturgis City website at [Sturgis-sd.gov](http://Sturgis-sd.gov) and clicking on the Projects Tab.



*Decisions made by the DOT are based on traffic volumes, average speeds, delays at signals and crash rates. According to the DOT, current lane width is not adequate for large trucks traveling side by side with other vehicles.*

According to DOT engineers, traffic counts on Junction and Lazelle are very similar. With no plans to widen the street any time in the near future, measures need to be taken to improve safety. With the current traffic lanes (two east bound, two west bound and one center lane for turning), there simply isn't enough room for a car or truck to safely travel next to a large truck hauling a load such as machinery or hay. Lazelle carries a lot of truck traffic and the regular vehicles are often forced to travel in the gutter or in some cases even up against the curb.

## DOT Transportation Engineering Study

### Daily Traffic Volume:

Junction 10,183 vehicles    Lazelle 10,635 vehicles

### Average Wait at Signals on Lazelle:

3 lanes = 17.65 seconds    5 lanes = 10.6 seconds

### Average Speed on Lazelle:

From 8th Street to Junction Avenue:

3 lanes = 17.4 mph.    5 lanes = 21.1 mph.

From Junction Avenue to Blanche Street:

3 lanes = 27.9 mph.    5 lanes = 28.4 mph.

### Crash Rates:

5-Lane predicted number of accidents = 17.5

3-Lane predicted number of accidents = 15.8

4-Lane predicted number of accidents = 26.2

The predicted number of accidents was determined using the methodology in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Official's Highway Safety Manual.

Comments regarding the Lazelle Street Traffic Plan can be directed to Todd Seaman at the South Dakota Department of Transportation at 394-1620.



Recycling Program Underway

Two recycling bins are now available for collecting plastic, glass, newsprint and other recyclable materials. Additional cardboard collection bins will also be added at each location. One of the collection sites is located along Junction Avenue across from Jacobsen Ford. The second site is on the west side of Lynn’s DakotaMart in the parking lot.



In 2011, the City was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the State to assist with implementing a recycling program. A recycling fee to help cover the cost of recycling containers was also added to city water bills in 2010. Establishment of a recycling program has been identified in public surveys as a priority among Sturgis residents. As the program grows, more collection bins will be added as well as collection sites for yard waste and other recyclables.

**Reminder for Rubble Site Users**

City residents who have an account with the Sturgis Water Department may use the Rubble Site to dispose of building materials, furniture, and some appliances at no charge (pickup size load). Larger vehicles and vehicles with trailers are charged \$6.00 per yard. You are required to provide proof of water account (bill). Site attendants are required to check all loads before they are dumped. For more information about the types of items accepted, visit the city website or call the Public Works Department at 347-3916.

Rubble Site hours of operation are Mondays and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. until noon and 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday - Friday 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The Rubble Site is closed on holidays.

Employee Spotlight - Wastewater Department

The City of Sturgis relies on the hard work and expertise of our three man Wastewater crew made up of Supervisor Lance Stansbury (17 years of service), Mike Plaggemeyer (16 years of service) and Bob Moser (9 years of service). They provide daily maintenance and oversight of the City’s sewer system.

The system is gravity fed, which means there are no pumping stations. Sewage flows directly from our homes and businesses to the wastewater treatment facility that consists of four lagoons east of town. Once the wastewater is properly treated, it is used for irrigation on nearby city and private land.

The Wastewater crew also inspects and jets sewer lines, inspects new sewer taps and maintains storm drains throughout the city.

The Wastewater crew would like to remind residents to be mindful of what they flush into the sewer. The system is not designed to process household garbage or handle additional water from sump pumps. City Ordinance 11.05.44 requires sump pump users to pump water into the street for disposal via the storm drains. Pumping water into the sewer system is prohibited.

Community Garden Applications Available at City Hall

The Sturgis Finance Office is accepting applications for garden spots in the new Community Garden.

Size of Plot	Fee
10 x 20 feet	\$25.00
10 x 10 feet	\$12.50
5 x 7 feet	\$7.50



Gardeners will be responsible for obtaining their own seeds or starter plants, planting their produce, weeding and watering as needed, and harvesting.

An orientation meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meade Room at the Community Center. Everyone participating in the Community Garden is required to attend this meeting. Organizers will share information about garden preparations, planting schedule and rules for garden use.

City Considering Changing Hours of Operation

In recent months, the City has been taking a close look at reducing expenditures without sacrificing services. During this process, the possibility of changing the hours of operation at City Hall has been discussed. If administrative offices were open from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, costs would be reduced by using less energy and at the same time, services would be expanded by being open an hour earlier in the mornings and an hour later in the evenings, allowing residents on regular 8-5 schedules an expanded time frame to conduct routine business on Mondays through Thursdays.

Only the Finance, Rally, City Manager and Community Development offices would be affected by the proposed change. The Police, Fire, Ambulance, Library, Parks and Water Departments would remain on their current schedules. Some departments already operate on a four 10-hour day schedule during the summer. The period from mid-July until mid-August requires all City offices to be open Monday - Friday to accommodate Rally related business.

Public comment on this proposal is welcome, please e-mail the Constituent Services Coordinator at [csteele@sturgisgov.com](mailto:csteele@sturgisgov.com) or call Sturgis City Hall at 347-4422.

**City Wide Garage Sale - Saturday, May 5**

Everyone is invited to participate in the 2012 City Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 5. Stop by the Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce and register your sale location before April 27 to get your location listed on the Official Garage Sale Map that will be published in the Meade County Times. For more information, call the Sturgis Chamber of Commerce at 347-2556.

**Annual Spring Clean Up**

The Annual City Wide Spring Clean Up is scheduled for May 7-11. During this time, you may put your unwanted items near your trash totes and the City will pick them up for disposal. If you need assistance in getting items moved out to the curb, contact the Sturgis Police Department at 347-5070.

For a complete listing of the items that qualify for removal, visit the Public Works web page at [sturgis-sd.gov](http://sturgis-sd.gov) or call the Public Works Office at 347-3916.

**Ward Three City Council Election Scheduled For Tuesday, April 10**

The 2012 City Council election will require only the voters of those residents living in Ward Three where incumbent Clint Brengle will be running against Randolph LaVasseur and Ronald Waterland for the single City Council seat.

The election will be held at the Sturgis Community Center. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Absentee ballots are available at the Finance Office in City Hall. For more election information, visit the City website at [sturgis-sd.gov](http://sturgis-sd.gov) and click on the *Government* tab.

Contact Information
City Hall 347-4422 City Attorney 347-4422 Code Enforcement 347-4424 Community Development 347-4424 Finance Office 347-4422 Human Resources 347-4422 Rally Department 720-0800 1040 2nd Street
Community Center 347-6513 5:00 - 9:00 Mon. - Fri. 8:00 - 8:00 Sat. Noon - 8:00 Sun. 1401 Lazelle Street
Fire & Ambulance 347-5801 Emergency 911 7:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri. 1901 Ballpark Road
Library 347-2624 8:30 - 7:00 Mon. -Thur. 8:30 - 5:00 Fri. 8:30 - 4:00 Sat. 1040 2nd Street
Liquor Store 347-5983 8:00 - 10:00 Mon. - Sat. 10:00 - 8:00 Sun. 1075 Lazelle Street
Parks Department 347-9018 8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri. 1920 Ballpark Road Shelter Reservations call 347-4422
Police Department 347-5070 Emergency 911 1400 Main Street
Public Works 347-3916 7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri. 1057 Dudley Street Rubble Site 8:00 - 5:00 Tue. - Fri. 8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00 Mon. and Sat.
Water Department 347-4425 8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Fri. After Hour Emergency call Police Dispatch 347-2573 1040 2nd Street Drop boxes: 2901 Vanocker Canyon and City Hall 1040 2nd Street